



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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From the Vicarage

Well, the clocks have gone back and the longer nights are with us once again as the seasonal calendar progresses into autumn. Conversation in the 'Hawes Chippie' last week was praising the glorious colours currently on display and how we needed to enjoy them whilst they're with us as autumn is always over far too swiftly ... many of us would perhaps say the same about our summer!

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that: *'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven'*^{3:1} (NIV) The Anglican Evangelist Canon J John comments that with Harvest celebrations over, autumn provides an opportunity for us all to consider how fruitful our lives have been across the year but it also enables us, should we grasp it, a time to pause and contemplate with hope the possibilities of all that still lies ahead of us on earth and, for those who are in Christ, for all eternity.

Remembrance, that act of looking back, is certainly a theme for the month as we pause with so many others across the world on November 10th to remember the countless number of lives lost and violently altered through our human ability to impose misery and destruction upon one another. I continue to believe that conflicts past and conflicts present both need to be remembered responsibly and with appropriate self-examination if we are to do anything towards building a just and peaceful society for the future. Ecclesiastes continues ... *'I know that there is nothing better for mankind than to be happy and to do good whilst they live.'*^{3:12} You can find when and where the Remembrance Services will be taking place this year on the calendar of events on the back of this newsletter.

Remembering a recent event - **'Music from the Movies 2'** at St Margaret's on October 26th was a wonderfully joyful celebration as the community packed into the building to hear the organ played so skilfully by Malcolm Caruthers with vocal items from Amy Cockett. A magnificent £1350 was raised for the ongoing maintenance of the instrument but for me, it is seeing the smiling faces and hearing the positive comments from everyone who was there that is so significant. There will be a 'Music from the Movies 3' next year!

'Carve Your Pumpkin Happy' was responded to with enthusiasm in Hawes school as we as Church in the upper dale continue try to encourage our young ones away from the sinister and dark side of life that the adulterated version of Halloween entices them into. With the longer nights upon us I like to light a candle in a lantern and hang it in my window with the prayer: *'The Lord is my Light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?'*^{Ps.27:1} The answer: with our faith in Christ ... absolutely no one!

Rev Dave.

The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 3 November**
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg



Celebrating 'All Saints' and our identity in Christ

We look forward to welcoming you there!
Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church

Car Parking available on the cobbles, at the Village Hall & at the former Carrs Billington site.

Been away and missed some of
Dave's sermons?

Listen to the podcasts!



Search 'Rev Dave from Wensleydale'
on your usual podcast platform

St Oswald's Coffee Mornings

First Saturday in each month at the Village
Hall 10am to 12 noon



Next one – Saturday 2nd November
Proceeds This month to Citizens Advice North Yorks

Wensleydale Filling Station



Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Friday 8th November

Speaker: Matt Hirst

Having been the lead minister at Kay Street Baptist Church in Rossendale, Matt has since moved to Hawkshead Hill in the Lake District where his ministry focusses on both the locals and the visitors. He is an inspiring Bible teacher and someone well worth listening to.

Do join us on **Friday 8th** to share in worship and praise



Invite someone you know to join us for **Evening Prayer** on a Sunday!



For some time now we have been offering the opportunity of sharing in a service of Afternoon/ Evening Prayer by telephone in your own home. It is very simple to join in. I am confident that there are many more people in the upper dale who would benefit from joining with us. You may be one of them, or you may know someone who would appreciate the chance to do so. If this is the case, then follow the instructions below and we look forward to welcoming you at 4pm on a Sunday afternoon.

As 4pm approaches, call this number **03330 164757**.

You will then be asked to enter the room number **893 277 00#** and the **PIN 2772#**. Then you are in! Say hello, sit quietly, and join in with the short service of prayer and reflection

Autumn Concert in Hardraw

On Saturday 14th September 2024 at 6.30pm, we held a Charity Concert. The Revd Dave Clark welcomed a church full of locals & some visitors. Askrigg Ladies who sing for pleasure, led by Diana Hartley, sang three opening songs. Irene Whaley & Andy Souter, accompanied by Sarah Clark on the keyboard sang the next two numbers. Dave & Sarah Clark sang & played the next two songs leading up to an interval. Refreshments were served during the 15-minute break. Dave & Sarah Clark opened the second half of the concert & the final 3 songs were performed by the Askrigg ladies who sing for pleasure. It was an uplifting evening enjoyed by both those who performed and also by those in the audience. At the end of the evening, we were very grateful to receive £500 in donations, which will help with the refurbishment of our church organ.



The Magic of Christmas

Featuring Malcolm Carruthers (Organ) Amy Cockett (Vocals) Dave Clark (Vocals)
and The Askrigg Handbell Ringers



Saturday December 7th 2024
2.00pm at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes



All Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

St. Margaret's Church, Hawes is proud to present 'The Magic of Christmas' an afternoon of festive and seasonal music. The performance will begin at 2.00pm and will finish in time for anyone wishing to attend the switching on of the Hawes Christmas lights and to enjoy the music of the Hawes Silver Band at 4.00pm. There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be available. With no entry charge for the event, it is hoped that retiring donations will be made which will go towards the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We'd love to welcome you to St. Margaret's, so why not come along, make an afternoon of it and get into the Festive spirit!



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

November 2024

	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm	
1 Nov	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the lounge –				
3 Nov	The Gathering Benefice Family Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
10 Nov	Remembrance Service 10:15 Parade leaves the Market Hall for St Margaret's service at 10:30am		Remembrance	12.30pm Soup followed by Remembrance	Evening prayer by telephone
17 Nov	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
24 Nov	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer & Pathfinders at Vicarage 5pm	Evening prayer by telephone

**Pathfinder
Pizza
Party!**

5-6:30pm

The Vicarage



**NEW TIME & NEW VENUE
FOOD – FUN -- FAITH**

CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN UPPER WENSLEYDALE

TOY SERVICE

St Margaret's Church, Hawes

10.30 am SUNDAY

1 December 2024



LED BY REV. DAVID CLARK with
MAJORS COLIN & DEBORAH STEVENS of
THE SALVATION ARMY

Donations of new toys are welcomed at the service
or at The Vicarage during the week before.
They will be distributed by The Salvation Army

An Evening of Music
With
The Ayrton Family



St Mary and St John's Church
Harddraw:

Saturday 23rd November 2024
 7-8:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of 'toe-tapping' live music from this *much loved* and *well renowned* local family of musicians. Something for Everyone!

Free ADMISSION

Retiring Donations towards our Organ Restoration Fund



JUST FOR FUN

A novelty item for your Christmas Tree! Create some seasonal conversation and support Julie in Elijah Allen's by brightening up your Christmas Tree with a 'Rev Dave Decoration' !

Men's Breakfast

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

On

Saturday 16th November 2024

From 8.30 – 10am

The 'Carve Your Pumpkin Happy' competition was such a success last year that we decided to run it again and had some wonderfully creative contributions from Hawes School.

Prizes were awarded in three categories - Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. First prize for each category was a £20 Book Voucher and 2nd prize a £10 Book Voucher and these were presented when we led the end of term Harvest Celebration before the Half Term Holiday began.

My thanks to Graham and Julia DiDuca for the judging!



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